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Minden Hills flips switch on evening meetings

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

In a lengthy debate that led to accusations of dirty politics but finally ended in compromise, Minden Hills Township's new council decided to move one of its two monthly meetings to the evening.

Newly elected councillor Clayton Cameron asked council to do "anything it can" to help accommodate his work schedule. Cameron is the director of Public Works for the township of Severn.

During the election, Cameron said he would not be able to make all the meetings if council did not change its meetings from the daytime to the evening.

Moving to evening meetings would not be a big change, he said then, because the public would be better served and the change wouldn't cost the township anything. Even though township staff would be required to work the evenings, Cameron said the staff are paid on a salary and not wages, and therefore wouldn't be paid extra.

However, Cameron's optimism seemed greatly misplaced on

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Gallery given suitcase full of treasures

Andre Lapine drawings, artifacts join collection of artist's paintings

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

In the refined world of art collecting, where a great deal of time is spent in the sedate, cerebral processes of appraisal and appreciation, the sudden appearance of a rare, unknown collection of art comes like a shot of adrenalin, delivered by some beneficent deity and sending art lovers into fits of rapture.

By its appearance, the well-travelled burgundy suitcase of the painter André Lapine, the edges of its carboard frame worn but still solid, doesn't promise so much.

For the past 50 years, however, that suitcase held within it an assortment of sketches, photographs and documents dating from the 1920s, 30s and 40s that are together worth about half the value of the largest collection of Lapine's works, 50 paintings proudly owned by Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

This most recent addition to the gallery alone would elevate it into a higher level in the art world, said gallery administrator Laurie Carmount: "It is a hugely

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Search begins for Maria, Von Trapps, among others

Summer Festival to stage 'Sound of Music'

The hills of the Highlands will be alive with the sound of music this summer. The search has begun for people to help make that music happen.

The call for actors has been issued by the Highlands Summer Festival for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical The Sound of Music, which will be part of the Festival's program this coming summer.

"Audition are scheduled for January," music director of the production Melissa Stephens said, "but with the high degree of interest and the preparation some people will want to put into it, we thought we would issue the audition information now rather than wait for the new year."

The casting call is for over 20 singing roles and five non-singing parts. The size of the cast will vary with the number in the nun's chorus.

"We will be holding the auditions over two weekends," dramatic director David Mills said. "The call for the adults will be on Saturday and Sunday January 17 and 18 with the children auditions scheduled for the following weekend." There are six children's roles (the role of Liesel, the oldest of the seven youngsters, will be auditioned with the adults) including: Fredrich age 14; Louisa 13, Kurt 10, Brigitta 9, Marta 7, and Gretl, the youngest.

The package explains the audition process, offers a brief character profile and outlines the commitment required by anyone taking part in the production. Musical rehearsals are scheduled to start in early February with the dramatic rehearsals beginning in early April.

Rehearsal packages are available from the Clarica Office in Haliburton and *The Times* office in Minden or on the Festival website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

Auditions for the festival's dramatic presentations, Thriller of the Year and The Perfect Rhyme, will be held in early March.

For more information contact Jack Brezina: jack@kevker.com

A different kind of gift: your blood could save a life

Canadian Blood Services is inviting you to start a new holiday tradition this year by bringing the people from your office or family gathering to a nearby blood donor clinic to donate together. While it may seem an unlikely place to celebrate, a blood donor clinic could be just the thing to help you ensure that your holiday event includes a generous helping of holiday spirit to go along with the other seasonal activities you have planned.

There will be a blood donor clinic at the Haliburton Legion on December 22 from noon to 5:30 p.m.

It's all part of Canadian Blood Services' "the more the merrier!" holiday promotion. Because Canada needs a smooth, steady and continuous supply of blood at all times of the year, "the more the merrier!" holds just as true in July as it does in December. But the holiday season presents its own unique challenges for the blood system and the many people who rely upon it. While research indicates that 89 percent of Canadians believe there are blood shortages because not enough people are donating, and 71 percent say they intend to or might donate in the future – only about 3.5 percent of eligible Canadians actually do donate regularly. During the holidays even these loyal donors can find themselves preoccupied with holiday activities, making it difficult to find the time to visit a donor clinic. At the same time, the need for blood continues to grow as a result of an aging population and an increase in treatments that require blood transfusions.

Canadian Blood Services is encouraging people to make giving blood part of their group celebrations this holiday season to help meet patient needs. In the years ahead, Canadian Blood Services hopes that giving blood will become an essential part of the holiday season.

If you are interested in making blood donation a part of your holiday plans – either together with friends or on your own – please call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book a time on December 22.

Minden Tim Hortons to open December 18

The tentative date for the opening of the Minden Tim Hortons is Thursday, December 18.

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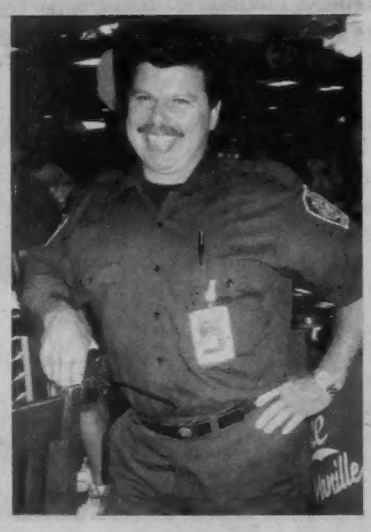

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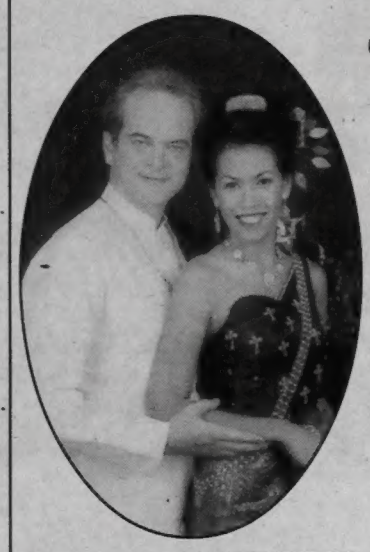

Gary & Judy Chapman of Mountain Lake would like to announce the marriage of their son **Shaun Chapman** to his Thai sweetheart **Chantana (Top) Srisomphan**

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More Lapines enrich gallery

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significant thing we have here now."

The donator of this art find is Corinne Fleming, the niece of Frank Welch, who was a friend of Lapine. Upon his death, Welch bequeathed the suitcase to Fleming and her husband, to hold in their possession until a museum in the Minden area with proper facilities to preserve the collection could be found. Never explained was why a suitcase in a basement would better preserve the works, besides perhaps a fastidious habit of its owner Welch.

News of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's expansion reached Fleming at a casual reunion of retired nurses at Irene Moxam's house in Minden last month. Fleming was said to have been delighted; she didn't know what to do with the suitcase and could finally "get rid of it."

Later that month, Moxam picked the suitcase up at Fleming's home in Wardsville, though not before the two of them sorted through its contents, then in complete disarray and covered in chalk.

"We were a great-looking mess when we got through with it," Moxam remarked with a laugh.

With the suitcase now in its possession, the gallery is moving fast to have their prize donation protected. At Thursday's council meeting, the gallery won council's approval to pay Carmount to catalogue the works and have them appraised.

The sketches and documents will be measured and put in appropriate sleeves, Carmount said, until some time next year when a selection of them will be displayed at the gallery.

Many of the sketches provide a window to life in the Minden area in the 30s and 40s, a world where men laboured in fields with horse and oxen, or felled trees in forests, while women kneaded dough in kitchens.

Lapine, originally from Latvia but whose studies took him from Leningrad to Paris and then to Amsterdam, arrived in Minden during the 1930s. He is thought to have emigrated to Canada for a parcel of land in Manitoba during the 'peasant in a sheepskin' era of immigration, initiated by Minister of Interior Clifford Sifton around the turn of the century.

Finding himself not inclined to farming, he eventually went back to painting, becoming one of the few painters in Toronto to make a living out of his art. While Lapine was eclipsed during his time by the Group of Seven, his paintings, numbering in the 1000s and done in the older European-style, nevertheless helped him make a name for himself, recognizable for their realistic horses and scenes of rural life, Carmount said.

Many of the sketches in the suitcase reflect these trademark icons, including the horses for which he was famous. Countless sketches depict horses pulling solitary men through snowy forests, or standing in wait at a lumber camp, the logs not yet ready to haul. A sheaf of paper also gives an idea of Lapine's scrupulous commitment to realism, with its list of the anatomical measurements of horses.

A few sketches of interiors are said to be of the Monk funeral home, then owned by Lapine's good friend Welch. One portrait dated Oct. 1st, 1935 is of a Mrs. Hamilton, a basket of potatoes to her side, leisurely peeling a potatoe. Another shows two weary women sitting in rocking chairs, some nameless heaviness having taken hold of them, their heads up propped up with a hand.

The suitcase that contained a wealth of sketches from the hand of Andre Lapine

Most of Lapine's landscapes are not easily recognizable, and these drawings, some no more than scratches and others acutely observed studies, may for all intents be composites: a lone factory's smokestacks piercing the sky, sheep grazing in rocky pastures, a forest path reposing tranquilly.

One, however, is unmistakable. It is an impressionistic rendering of Minden's downtown, seen from the Bobcaygeon bridge. It is hardly a picture of a bustling community: a few street lots still empty of buildings and a handful of people walking in the middle of a road, sign of a time when vehicles were still rare.

Also in the Lapine's suitcase were black and white photos of the painter and his wife, Lapine sporting his trademark moustache and black tie. One of the unique artifacts actually found within the suitcase were two ties, the long, thin material in need of ironing.

According to Moxam, who never met Lapine personally but heard much of him – he was a well-known character – Lapine was never without a tie. It was one of his distinctive attributes, along with his French name and the beret he often wore. The name he had given himself, likely out of his fondness for the French, and the beret was similarly affected, though it also typified him as the artiste.

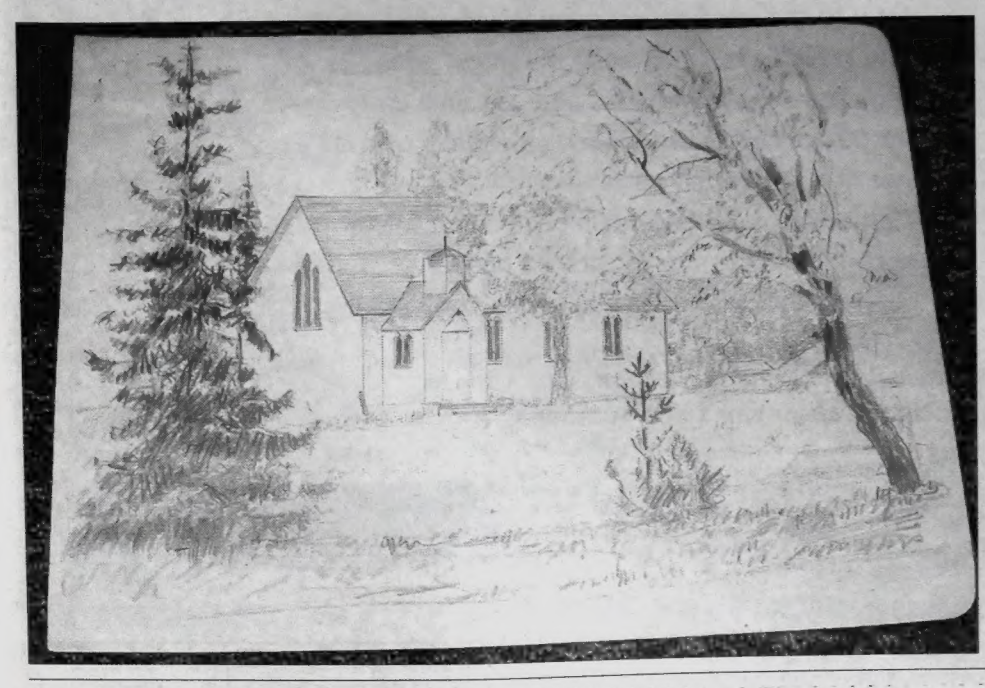
Lapine was, in fact, a habitual visitor to Quebec, and a few detailed sketches depict Quebec City, one with Chateau Frontenac stolid and imposing high on the horizon, while below a steam train rests at a station and a ship's prow edges into the picture.

A few sketches, drawn in July of 1923 while on board the Holland-American Line, during a trip to Holland, show a lifestyle in marked contrast to the hard lives of Minden's inhabitants: well-dressed men recline in chairs on the ship's deck, a wife tenderly rests her head on a husband's shoulder, and a pair of nuns read their books with complete absorption.

Lapine made several of these trips around Europe, often to Amsterdam, and some of the letters and passport documents in the suitcase help frame a skeleton timeline of his life and whereabouts, the tickets for one trip having been completely unknown, according to Carmount.

They also suggest the complex personality of a man who crossed borders for most of his life, spoke Latvian, Dutch, French and English and won acclaim for his art amongst Canada's elites, yet found such attraction to the simple, rugged lifestyles of the lumbermen and housewives of Haliburton County.

It is perhaps, then, no surprise to find this wealth of drawings and artifacts hidden inside a battered cardboard suitcase, waiting as a gift to a later generation of



Andre Lapine could capture the essence of a person or a local scene with deft control of pencil

Compromise reached on night meetings

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seemed greatly misplaced on Thursday, as councillors lined up to oppose Cameron's proposal.

Coun. Peter Oyler provided a point-by-point list of his objections, admonishing Cameron for knowingly taking a job whose duties he might not be able to fulfill, and then implying his position was hypocritical.

"I find it a surprise ... because you were against night-time meetings when you worked here [as Public Works Superinten - dent]."

Moving to the evenings, Oyler argued, was unfair to staff, cost more money and didn't serve the public any better. The latter was just a rationale to mask Cameron's personal schedule, Oyler suggested.

"It's not a question about accessibility to the public. The public who have issues in council haven't had difficulty going to meetings."

You can't really serve two masters in terms of employment and serving council."

Coun. Ron Buchanan, thanking Cameron for suggesting an evening meeting could break for dinner to accommodate Buchanan's dietary needs as a diabetic, said his own evenings are too occupied with committee meetings for other organizations.

"I'd like to help you out," Buchanan said. "I can see your predicament. It's sad."

Cameron tried to rescue his plight by alluding to recent articles in local newspapers quoting councillors who want to see more young people involved.

"If you want to consider others besides people who are retired or in business," he said, evening meetings are necessary.

He also defended himself against Oyler's criticisms.

"I did know meetings were during the day. I also knew we could bring it up to council."

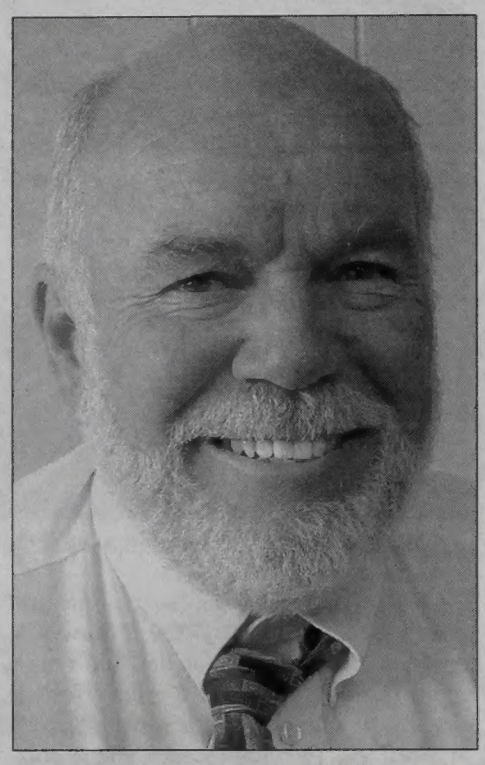
But Cameron said if no changes are made, he would be able to attend only "some meetings".

"With the amount of money involved my priority has to be my employment."

Buchanan interjected to say the councillors' salaries would hardly draw younger people.

Oyler asked Cameron: "Should we raise our salaries then, as other townships have?"

Cameron said he'd vote against raising salaries. Coun. Jim McMahon asked Cameron if he would support McMahon's motion next month to raise the salaries, to which Cameron again said no.



Peter Oyler spoke against night meetings

"If you won't support me on that," McMahon said, "then I can't support you on this. I was willing to support you."

(McMahon said in an interview afterwards he was joking and Cameron took it the wrong way. When asked why he didn't say it was a joke, McMahon said, "I don't know.")

Cameron immediately accused McMahon of not being "above the board," prompting Oyler to object, "What are you insinuating Mr. Cameron?"

The public doesn't trust politicians, Cameron said, not that they shouldn't. "But to say if you don't double the wages then I won't support you..."

McMahon denied saying any such thing.

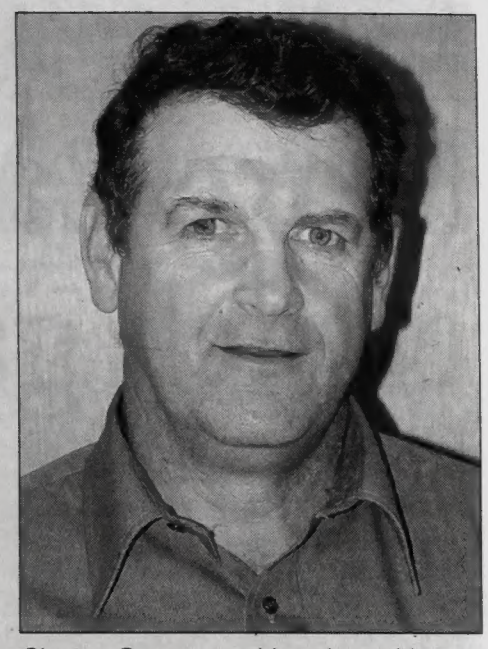
"I heard it fairly clearly," Cameron insisted.

"Did anyone hear me say about doubling wages?" McMahon asked a silent table.

The acrimonious turn of the debate finally ended when council voted on, and defeated, Cameron's motion to hold evening meetings.

Councillors then sought a compromise that would partly accommodate Cameron's schedule.

Coun. Cheryl Murdoch, along with Coun. Ingram Wessell, suggested a way out of the impasse. Murdoch, following Wessell's suggestion, proposed council's committee of the whole meet during the day followed by a full council meeting on the last Thursday starting at 3 p.m., breaking for an hour at 6 p.m. for dinner, and resuming at 7 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. A curfew was set for 10 p.m.



Clayton Cameron said work would compel him to miss some day meetings

Pubic deputations, at Oyler's suggestion, would be invited to come at 5 p.m.

Council passed the resolution unanimously.

Cameron, who earlier had pleaded that any changes would help him, thanked the other councillors for accommodating his work schedule, and joked, "That's the vigorous debate I was talking about."

Council will review the change in April, to see what its effects are.

Oyler, who was strongly opposed to the change, warned his consent was contingent: "I will be the first one to open the issue if it's an abuse of council staff and council time."

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Building hangs by thread as three MH councillors say they will oppose it

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

A vote to build a new municipal office will pass by a thread, if at all, with Minden Hills Township's new council.

Councillors Ingram Wessell, Clayton Cameron and Cheryl Murdoch all said they opposed a new municipal office at Thursday's first meeting of council.

The new council reviewed the tenders on the office received last Wednesday, originally requested by the previous council.

Duncan Ross, the architect hired by council to design the office and supervise its construction, recommended council hire Quinan Construction, whose tender for $1.527 million was the lowest of four received last Wednesday.

The company, Ross said, satisfied all requirements and has the experience to build a building this size. "I have no doubt in my mind they can do the job," he said.

Council, at the suggestion of Coun. Peter Oyler, referred any decision on the office to January 8th, so new councillors could review all the documents before debating.

That did not stop the councillors from laying bare their positions however.

Cameron admitted to council, "It's no secret that I am against a new municipal office, but I have a keen interest in getting a good deal."

"If it comes to a vote on a tender, my vote will be no."

Murdoch then said as much to council: "I'm not in favour of a municipal building. But if my vote goes down the tubes, I'd also like to see us get good value for our money."

And Wessell, the only incumbent to oppose any new municipal office, reiterated his position: "As is well-known, I'm strongly opposed to the new municipal office. I'd like to see the office downtown."

Oyler revealed that he would prefer to see an office on the Bobcaygeon Road, on the fairgrounds.

Reeve Ross Rigney, at the request of Oyler, explained why he stopped supporting building an office on the curling rink's parking lot: "People said to me we should take a second look on Bobcaygeon road.

The cost of building on Bobcaygeon Road, according to architect Duncan Ross, would likely be lower, while building behind the community center would probably be higher.

Already, the building cost has risen from $900,000 to the recent tender of $1.527 million. Ross himself has asked council raise his fee $8,000 more to $34,000

Ross advised council that it should put aside $50,000 more to pay for Hydro and unforeseen costs.

The latter, Ross said, are inevitable, since council chose not to ask for absolute specifications, leaving it up to the bidders to find alternative solutions. While the eventual cost is usually less expensive this way, Ross said changes would occur.

"I think council would be foolish to think this is a cut and dry project. There will be some shifting in the design process."

Council must make a decision on the new municipal office before January 15th, when the tender's 45-day holding period ends.

Council agreed to give Quinan until January 8th to draw up tenders on the other proposed locations, when councillors can make a final decision.

Before that, however, council plans to hold a public meeting, which it will advertise in the paper.

Dysart takes cautious view of ATV use of area roads

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Two of Haliburton County's four municipalities will be allowing All Terrain Vehicles on the shoulders of all roads while Dysart et al council continues to take a more restrictive approach to the issue.

Haliburton County council asked all four municipalities to comment on a proposed bylaw to allow ATVs on all county roads. At Dysart et al's recent council meeting Mark Coles, president of the Haliburton ATV association, presented a map of proposed road linkages to Crown land trails and answer questions.

Dysart councillors agreed they did not object to ATVs on county roads but Reeve Murray Fearrey insisted "I can not live with ATVs on the boardwalk past the airplane." Coles said it was never the club's intention to have ATVs going through the village.

The Highway Traffic Act also does not allow ATVs to pass through the village on Highway 118. Four-wheelers can only ride to Dover Hill on the one side and from the Eagle Lake Road exit to Muskoka on 118 heading north from Haliburton.

Fearrey told Coles they will pass on their comments to the county but decide at a later date which municipal roads ATVs will be allowed on but councillors were not in favour of opening all roads. Coles asked council to consider making a decision as soon as possible so his association can move ahead with producing a map in time for the spring four-wheeling season.

Algonquin Highlands has already passed a bylaw allowing ATVs on all roads and Highlands East councillors suggested last week they would take the same approach. Councillors agreed they did not object to ATVs being allowed on the shoulders of county roads.

Reeve Keith Tallman says he does not agree with Fearrey that you can allow ATVs on some roads but not others, saying it would be too difficult to police Newly elected deputy-reeve Bill Howe agreed.

"It would be a total nightmare to say you can on this road, and this road but not that road," says Howe. "Better deal with reality that they're already on the roads. Make them open and that's the end of our involvement. The OPP can take appropriate action for irresponsible riders."

Councilor Suzanne Partridge added the municipality should encourage motorized activities because it's good for business.

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New water regulations tighten the taps of area community centres

by **MATTHEW WALLS**
Times staff

Up to a hundred thousand dollars may have to be spent to keep Lochlin and Gelert's community halls open, Minden Hills Township's council heard at Thursday's meeting.

The two halls' water facilities have to be upgraded to meet Ontario's new water regulations, said Bob Romberg, Environmental & Property Operations Manager.

"This is a very costly venture. It's up to council to consider bringing themselves up to grade or shutting them down," Romberg said.

Coun. Ron Buchanan lamented the possible loss of the centres over water regulations, and mocked the Ministry of Environment's 'stupidity.'

"I would like to affirm that the people of Ward 3 do not drink out of the toilet, but the MOE thinks they do."

Councillors Peter Oyler and Clayton Cameron, however, warned there were dire consequences to not meeting new water regulations.

Even if bottled water were brought in, the township cannot be certain children won't drink the tap water.

"One of those kids washes their hands and get sick, we're off to jail," Cameron said.

Under the new regulation, if someone falls ill because of poor water quality, councillors and others responsible for the water's management can be sued for up to $4 million.

Buchanan, however, could not be placated, and repeatedly flailed at the Ministry of Environment.

"This is about Bob Vickers drinking the same water he has for ninety years and he's still alive. We're getting to the point where it's absolutely stupid. If they want to get $4 million out me, they can try."

Cameron informed council that, according to the new regulations, since the halls already provide water, the centre couldn't turn its taps off or close its toilets.

"You have to supply water because the centres used to supply it."

Cameron recommended council immediately have Aqua, who tests Minden's water supply, start testing the water and install a $3,000 UV-filter at Gelert to kill chloroforms and E. Coli.

"We have to start testing them immediately or shut them down. We are leaving ourselves out to a huge liability if we don't do something."

Oyler suggested council find out how often the centres are used, and then decide if it was worth upgrading the facilities.

"I'd like to know total costs. Let's find out what the total costs are and find out what kind of a bang for our buck we're getting," Oyler said. "That's all I'm asking."

This wasn't fair, Buchanan protested. "The use of the centres will never outweigh the costs. You can send them all to the Y for that price."

"The way I look at it," Buchanan added, "if you lose a community centre, you lose the community."

This heartfelt plea seemed to soften Oyler.

"Let's do the impossible," Oyler said. "Keep the facility open, spend the $3,000, test and see what the usage is.

"There's more value in a facility sometimes than in the costs it takes to run it, in terms of its social benefit."

If the system finds the water to be without pathogens, then only testing would be required until 2005, when the regulations come into effect and council will have to decide whether or not to make the more expensive upgrades.

It will then be a question of raising taxes, selling the centre to the communities for a dollar (Coun. Jim McMahon's suggestion) or shutting them down.

The Catholic Community Says

"Won't you come home for Christmas"

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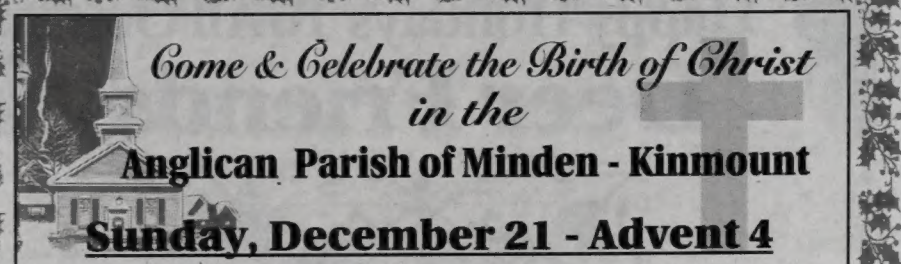

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	9:30 am	Sung Holy Communion & Family Service
St. Peter's, Maple Lake	11:15 am	Sung Eucharist
St. John's, Irondale	9:30 am	Prayer & Praise Communion
St. James', Kinmount	11:15 am	Sung Family Eucharist

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

St. Paul's, Minden	7:00 pm	Family Holy Communion
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Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

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Lindsay man named executive director of new Conservative Party of Canada

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The historic amalgamation of the federal Progressive Conservatives and the Canadian Alliance was announced last week and a resident of the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding will play a role in shaping the future of the new Conservative Party of Canada.

David Scrymgeour of Lindsay has been appointed Executive Director of the new party.

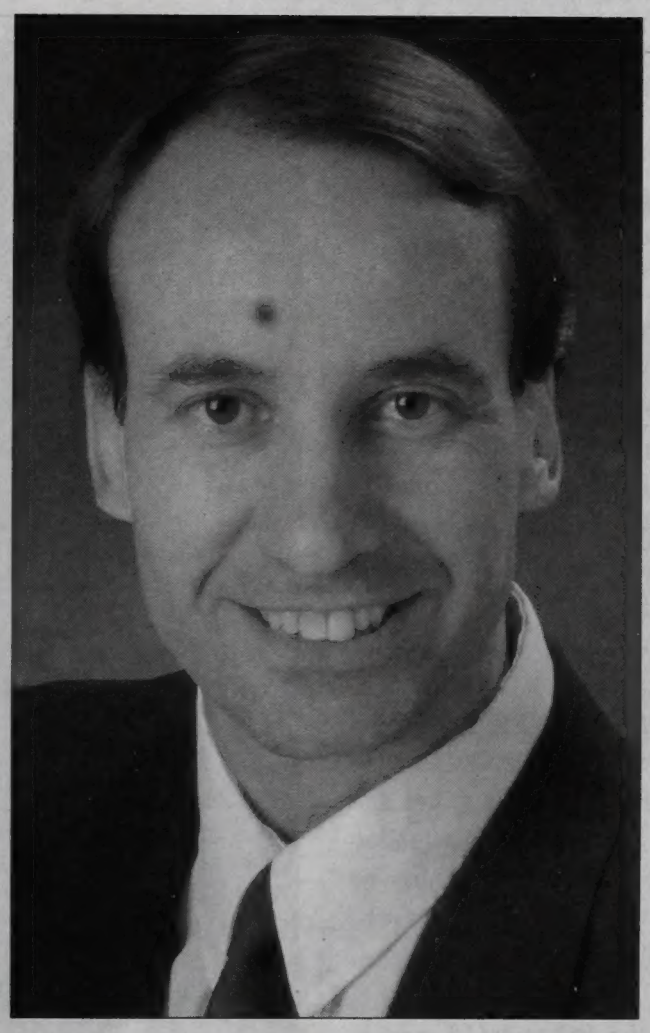
"My role is to organize and build a team by integrating the best and brightest from both parties," he said. "My goal is to help move the party forward – network across the parties and build a culture of winning."

Scrymgeour calls the amalgamation of the two parties a milestone. "We have finally broken through. We're on the path to forming a government," he said. "It's the end of a phase and the start of a new one. It's an honour to be a part of that."

Scrymgeour brings a wealth of business and political experience to the position. For almost 20 years he was a corporate troubleshooter – he reorganized corporations that were not operating according to expectations. In addition he is a founder and partner of a group of companies.

Scrymgeour is an organizer. He assembles teams, formulates and implements plans to achieve specific goals. As a consultant and troubleshooter specializing in information management he has lived and worked in Australia, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States.

Four years ago he turned his attention to politics. "I went to Ottawa and got involved in politics," Scrymgeour said.



David Scrymgeour

In four years, Scrymgeour has become a major influence in Conservative circles. His political savvy is respected by both the Tories and the Alliance. He was senior advisor to Peter McKay and Stephen Harper on reunification of the parties. "I worked on a blueprint for the organization of a party that could be successful," he said. "MacKay and Harper both liked the plan."

Scrymgeour served as Laurie Scott's campaign manager in the provincial election. Expanding on the success of her campaign, Scrymgeour said the local goal is to "build a connection between our community [the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding] and Ottawa – to have a say on the national scene."

A council of 12 interim members – six from each party – has been established, with Laurie Scott as one of those councillors.

Some of Scrymgeour's political credentials include National Director of the Progressive Conservative Party in (2002-03); Chief of Operations of the federal PC leader's office (2001); Financial Director of the federal PC Party (2000); and Director of Operations for the federal PC Leader's Office.

Scrymgeour said he made it clear that he has accepted the position of executive director if the new party on an interim basis. He has been encouraged to run as the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada in the next election. He said he will make the decision whether or not to stand for nomination soon.

The immediate goal is to finish the organizational plan for the new party. "We should have all the pieces together by the end of December," he said. "Once it is implemented, I'll be free to make other choices."

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A proposal to have a CHC in Haliburton County has been submitted to the Ministry of Health....*there has been no response, yet*....
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or—george_smitherman-mpp@ontla.ola.org

For information about the CHC proposed for the Haliburton Highlands call Beth @ 457-1392 ext. 249

Environmental Assessment of a Proposed Bell Canada Tower Site on Hadlington Road

Bell Canada is planning to construct a telecommunications tower, approximately 200 feet in height, on the Hadlington Road.† The new tower will give residents of that area access to basic phone service.

A site for the tower has been selected, as shown on the accompanying map.† As you may be aware, that site is on Crown land.† In order to acquire rights to the site, Bell Canada has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for a long term licence of occupation.† To fulfill its obligations under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act, the MNR must evaluate the potential impacts that the tower could have on the natural environment and on existing human activities, before making a decision about Bell's application.† In this regard, input from the local residents who could be affected by the tower will be taken into consideration. †Both supporting and critical comments may be expressed.

You are invited to direct any comments you may have about the proposed tower to:

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Tel: (705) 286-5223
Fax: (705) 286-4355
E-Mail: scott.bird@mnr.gov.on.ca

Any inquiries that you may have concerning the actual tower or the activities involved in its construction should be made to:

Brian Reurink
Senior Project Manager
479 Clarence St, C2
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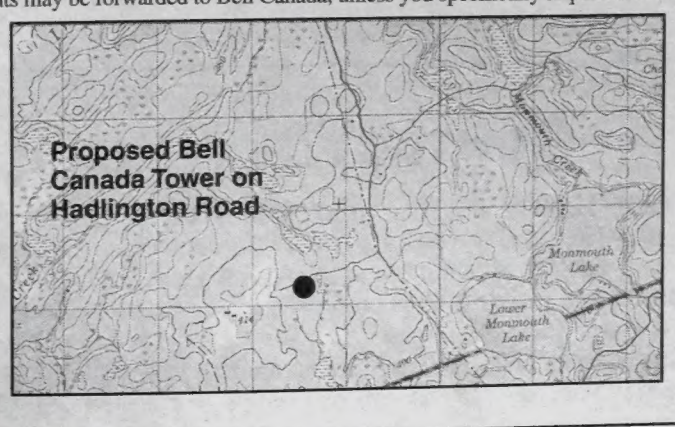

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Very interesting

Federal politics just got more interesting. The recent voting of the Progressive Conservative and Canadian Alliance membership regarding the amalgamation of the two parties was expected by most to endorse the merger. The fact that such an overwhelming majority of members from both parties – well over 90 per cent combined – voted to unify the two parties clearly demonstrates a desire to unite the right, in spite of dire predictions and protestations from a few old guard Tories.

Members of the old guard on both sides have been overruled. For those who have long advocated uniting the right it is an exciting time. It is a fresh start they optimistically see as the beginning of a march to power.

Even the most enthusiastic conservatives, however, are admitting that the mere uniting of the right is no guarantee that they will unseat the governing Liberals in the next election. The process to get the new party up and running, with representatives for each riding and the selection of a leader, will take time. Paul Martin is a shrewd politician. He knows the longer he waits to call an election, the better prepared the Conservative Party of Canada will be to mount a serious challenge. Expect an election call sooner, rather than later.

It remains to be seen how well the marriage of the PC and CA parties will unfold. Like any marriage, it will take some compromise on both sides to make it work. It is a union worth any extra effort it may take.

A few people have already announced their intention to stand for nomination as candidates to represent the new party in the next election, which, the experts predict, will be called in the spring. The list is expected to grow over the coming weeks. By all accounts, the list of potential candidates will give the new party faithful a slate of capable individuals who offer a range of abilities and experience.

From what we hear, the choices will include some familiar names as well as some new people who are sure to offer a different perspective.

Whatever your political stripe, you have to admit the next couple of elections will be more exciting than the last three.

If you are Conservative, you should be happy that the unified right will finally offer a serious alternative to the current government.

If you are Liberal, you can take comfort in the fact that your party will have to work harder and perhaps listen a little more intently to your concerns to earn its stripes. The fact that there may be some legitimate competition is bound to have a positive effect.

If you are an NDP supporter, it could offer the opportunity to make some inroads at the expense of the other parties.

What will the amalgamation of the Progressive Conservatives and the Canadian Alliance mean to the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock? At the very least, it will mean that it will take more than 34 per cent of the popular vote to elect a candidate. That, in turn, will result in a higher percentage of voters being represented by the candidate who garners the most votes. If John O'Reilly chooses to run again as the Liberal candidate and wins, he will do so on his merits and record, as opposed to claims that he won because of the vote-split between the parties on the right.

That is, unless the NDP becomes the spoiler.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

What's local politics worth?

To the Editor

Re: The Youth Vote-Editorial by Martha Perkins Tuesday December 9, 2003.

When one elects to run for public office at any level of government, he or she is going to be required to commit him or herself to carrying out the responsibilities of that office and the duties it entails. When one is elected to public office he or she should know the terms of the job description, as it were, and the compensation that the office pays. Your editorial suggests that it isn't democratic if an individual can't run for public office because of his or her main occupation and compensation for same demands that he or she give full attention to that job. I would suggest from my experience in the political arena that no one individual can serve two masters and give 100 per cent to both. There are other options.

Many employers grant leaves of absence for individuals seeking and elected to public office with terms of that leave determined between employer and employee. Your suggestion of increased compensation for positions on Council to attract others than those retired has merit but to suggest that those who ran in the most recent election, whether in the work force or retired, as attracting monkeys, for the compensation offered, is a personal insult to those who hold public office.

Have the roles of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor changed since amalgamation just over three years ago? In my opinion they have and the work load is greater, demanding more time to do a responsible job. With that in mind the 'job', as your editorial states, is probably worth more than it is presently paying but what should those numbers be?

The major difficulty with this issue is the fact that Dysart and County Councils both gave themselves raises well above the rate of inflation and well above, I would sug-

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Halftime shows

If you've ever wondered whether the Superbowl is anything but a glorified circus, the latest halftime show announcement might just answer that question.

Automaker Dodge has just confirmed sponsorship of Lingerie Bowl 2004, a pay-per-view halftime football game featuring 14 sexy young women suited in scanty attire and minimal padding. It's meant to be "a refreshing, sexy alternative for those who are bored with Super Bowl halftime."

I've got to say, this is shameful. The Superbowl is perhaps the most watched sporting event in the world. Do they really need to go to these extremes just to sell more trucks? Must they make scantily clad women play football?

Personally, I think this is ridiculous.

It's as if they're saying that volleyball isn't good enough anymore.

Let's face it, football was never meant to be played by women in skimpy clothing. Yes, it's a painful admission, but the sooner we face it, the better.

Lingerie was never intended to see the gird iron.

Believe me, I'm not being sexist here. I'd say the same thing if men wanted to play football while wearing their skivvies. Actually, I'd probably say it quicker. Like my mom always told me, grass stains and underwear just don't go together.

BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

If they must exploit athletic young women dressed in hardly anything during halftime events why not do it in a game more suited to it?

Volleyball is that game. I can not stress this enough.

I simply don't understand why a major automaker would sponsor a Lingerie football game. It's not as if car companies and good looking women have any sort of proven advertising track record. Right?

Naturally, feminist groups are up in armpits about this. And, as always, I'm right behind you sisters. This is just not right. There's a time and a place for lingerie and, believe me, it's not in the middle of a national sporting event or any other place where 100,000 emotional, screaming, fat men gather.

Can't people see that this dishonors not only the women but the game?

Football is a time-honored sport where big sweaty men wear face paint and gather in tight huddles before endeavoring to break bones and pat each other on the rear.

I see no reason for not preserving its wholesome nature.

Personally, I have my doubts as to whether the NFL even thought this through.

What if the Lingerie Bowl proves to be more exciting and popular than the main event? Wouldn't the big advertisers soon influence pro football to reflect that marketing reality? It might be something as subtle as the end of traditional uniforms? Or perhaps merely the further commercialization of team names?

Yes, in the future we might be forced to watch football teams like the Houston Baby dolls and the Tampa Thongriders. Dear God, I hope not.

That's why I say, we nip this in the bud. I, for one, vow not to pay the $19.95 required to watch this pay-per-view experience of a lifetime. If my buddies want to pay this, that's their decision, but, believe me, beyond buying the pretzels, I won't chip in.

It's not about the money or even the fact that my wife might hear the catcalls. No, higher principles are at stake here. I want big advertisers to know

that I, for one, will not be led around by the nose or any other parts that smell. I will not look at your products just because, in a blatant and cynical act of commercialism, you are using lithe, sexy young women to draw my attention to them.

In fact, I might not watch the halftime show at all. Instead I think I'll catch up on my reading with a good hotrod magazine. So there.

The latest CBC news

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.
Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 5

Shakespeare got that right. Every passing day of life's cavalcade brings weirdness undreamed of to the eyes and ears of this bit player. Why, just last week I read in the paper that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, my old Alma Mater, has hired a public relations firm.

An American public relations firm, Edelman Worldwide by name. Their other clients include Kraft Foods, the GAP and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

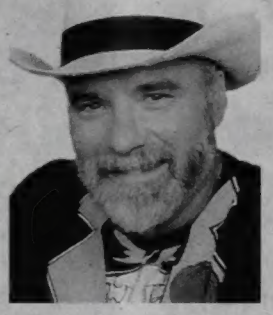
They're also the folks that helped regloss the Exxon image after the Exxon Valdez dumped several million barrels of crude oil onto the shores and beaches of Alaska a few years back.

I must confess I found the story passing strange. Why would the CBC, Canada's paramount communications company, feel the need to hire an American communications company for anything?

"We are involved in a lot of different issues, some criticisms, some on a proactive basis and, like any other business, we want to make sure we'representing ourselves in the best way possible," said CBC spokeswoman Ruth-Ellen Soles, not altogether helpfully.

I've read that explanation a half-dozen times and it's still about as clear as a Paul Martin soliloquy. But if I'm not reading too much into it, I think Ms. Soles may be hinting that the CBC needs help in the image department.

Perhaps Ms. Soles is right. There was another item in the paper recently showing a photograph of the brand new lobby of the CBC's headquarters in Ottawa. The lobby floor features a huge map of Canada painstakingly inlaid in finest Precambrian granite. Sort of.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Actually, the map includes the U.S. state of Alaska - which would be anice hands-across-the-border gesture but for the fact that the map does not include the rather substantial Queen Charlotte Islands. It also performs a little cosmetic surgery on Vancouver Island, transforming it into a perky little peninsula jutting out of the mainland.

A west coast Viagra-ized counterweight to America's droopy east coast Sunshine State, as it were.

Now it must be said that the CBC is not responsible for this bit of geographical revisionism - they merely rent the building from a private company. But you'd think somebody might have noticed before they signed the lease. Maybe that's how the PR flacks will earn their keep -by picking up on tiny things like that.

Too bad the trouble-shooting firm wasn't around for CBC's darkest hour, public relations-wise. That would be in 1995 when Perrin Beatty took over as president of the CBC. Mister Beatty was a tad light in the saddle for this job - for any job really. He was first elected as an MP at 22 and never has got his nails dirty with actual, you know, work.

Still, he was eager to make a good impression, so he invited a *Globe and Mail* reporter to his office one day. Beatty explained to the reporter that he was a real 'techno-junkie', and to prove it, he played one of his prized CDs. The recording was pretty awful in terms of quality, but it was unmistakably Chopin's *Minute Waltz*. And the bad quality was excusable because, as Beatty proudly explained, this was the oldest known recording in the world, from 1847. And the pianist was Frederic Chopin himself.

Incredible! The rest of the world believed that Thomas Edison made the first phonographic recording -and not until some thirty years later.

Beatty smiled tolerantly and told of how, in 1990, construction workers in the town of Nohant, France had dug up a steel box containing a glass cylinder. Buried with it was a letter from one Hippolyte Sot, a French inventor. The letter explained how Monsieur Sot had perfected a primitive method of recording sound, and tried it out on his neighbour, Monsieur Chopin.

It was a wonderful story and the Globe gave it lots of ink.

Unfortunately, there were one or two moth holes in the CBC president's wardrobe. There never was a French inventor by the name of Hippolyte Sot.

'Sot' is, however, a French word, meaning 'fool'. The record label the 'historic' CD was published under was XOHA - which is an anagram for HOAX.

And the number stamped on the CD? 010491. Which translates as April Fool's Day, 1991.

I don't think even the spin doctors at Edelman Worldwide could have done much with that one.

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Commitment widespread

gest, any raises that members of the work force in either the public or private sector in Haliburton County have received over the last three years or are likely to receive over the next three years. It's this kind of action that leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth when it comes to politicians to all levels. Other than the dollars involved, how many people in Haliburton County were able to increase their salaries between 40 to 100 per cent for the next three years.

The last Minden Hills Council saw fit to set compensation for members of Council by raising salaries and expenses by 2% for each of the three years of its term in office. This was done only after a negotiated settlement with our union local had been reached and represented the same percentage increase received by our employees. Granted this may not be comparing 'apples to apples' as other municipalities may not have union locals with who to negotiate.

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

If members of Councils are so concerned that we underpay ourselves, we should in fact be asking for independent reviews of compensation levels, relative to our own municipalities, for all five Councils across the County with input received from the public incorporated into those reviews. Use those independent reviews and public input and be prepared to support, amend or reject the recommendations in the public forum when we next run for public office.

Should this issue be raised at Minden Hills, I will not support the dollar or percentage increases which other municipal and County councils have seen fit to give themselves.

Finally, your editorial states that Murray Fearrey is a committed politician. Lack of mention of anyone else from any municipality in Haliburton County, is insulting the integrity of the elected representatives of this County but more importantly, it is insulting the integrity of the electorate who elect the rest of us to public office.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter E. Oyler
Councillor Ward One - Minden Hills.

The music of Christmas *rings out at high school concert*

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School music students put on their annual Christmas concert for a packed crowd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Led by HHSS teachers Melissa Stephens, Tom Regina, and accompanied by Wayne Cooper during the choir's performance, the students performed a variety of Christmas favourites such as Oh! Christmas Tree, Goin' on a Sleigh Ride, Joy to the World, and God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen. The concert showcased the talents of the school's choir, the Grade 9 band, flute choir, PLJ Improv Combo and the Swing Band. The concert was recorded by the local radio station and is tentatively scheduled to be broadcasted on Christmas day.

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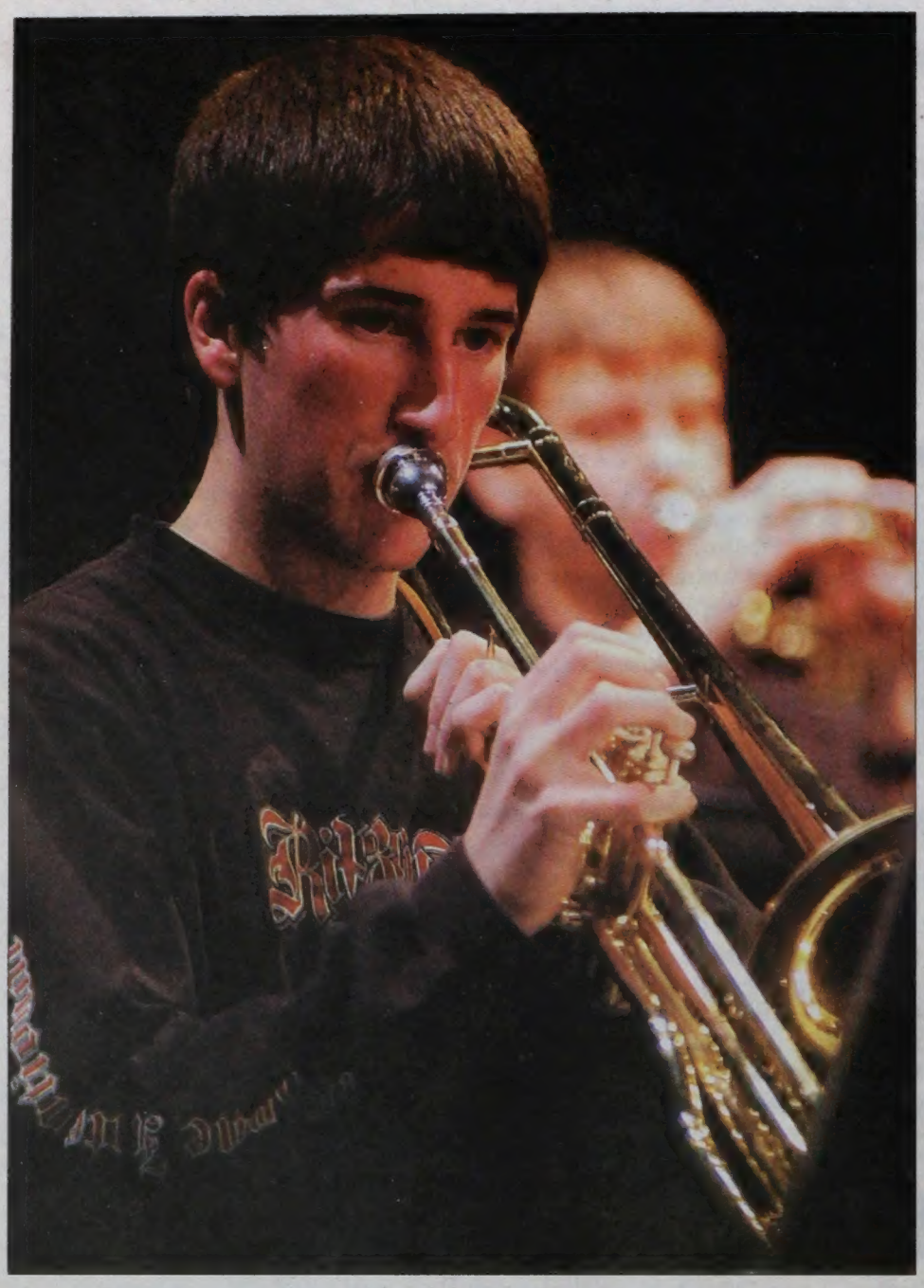

Third trombonist Robbie Sherwood lets it wail during the HHSS Swing Band's performance at the HHSS Christmas Concert held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Wednesday, December 10.

The HHSS Grade 9s perform Frosty the Snowman at the annual Christmas Concert, led by conductor Tom Regina

Saxophonists keep the jazz beat crisp and lively

Make Someone Happy for Christmas

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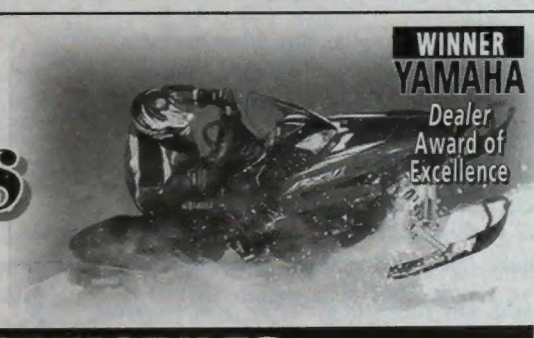

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Red Hawks defenders, Daryl Arbour, Ross Gerry, Brad Mickle and Conrad Flatman, converge on the I.E. Weldon Wildcats point guard in the key during the first quarter. HHSS lost 58-34. The Red Hawks jumped to a three point lead in the opening minutes of the first quarter, but fell behind in the second quarter and couldn't overcome the 11 point deficit at the half. A 12-2 run by the Wildcats, started with the team's hot three point shooter, led to the Red Hawks' first defeat.

HHSS forward Sean Keaney skates near the boards and passes the puck ahead early in the game against the unbeaten Crestwood Mustangs last week. The Red Hawks overcame a two goal deficit to maintain their unblemished record. Benji Saunders scored with less than 10 seconds left in the game to tie the visiting Mustangs. Red Hawks tied the Mustangs 2-2.

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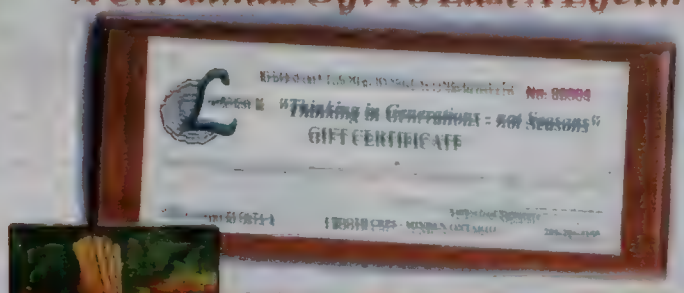

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How healthy are your eyes

Controlling blood glucose levels helps reduce risk of eye damage in diabetics

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

One in three diabetics will show signs of eye disease when they are first diagnosed but those who tightly control their blood glucose levels will dramatically reduce the risk of eye damage, says Dr. David Stone.

The optometrist was the guest speaker at a recent "How Healthy Are Your Eyes?" evening put on by the local diabetes support groups. George Heath, one of the event organizers, thanked the evening's sponsors the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA), Health For Life and the Diabetes Education Network.

Heath also made a special presentation on behalf of the CDA and the Banting Family to Norm Gemmell, who has been living with diabetes and insulin injections for 32 years.

"He has lived with diabetes a good long time and told us things, gave us advice and helped the rest of us. You are living proof the treatment works," said Heath.

Gemmell was awarded a certificate and framed print. He says it is a pleasure to receive the recognition after what he and his wife had been through living with diabetes.

At least blindness is not one of those things he has had to endure. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in adults aged 20 to 74, says Stone.

Ttwo most significant problems diabetics face are diabetic retinopathy and cataracts. Diabetic retinopathy is when there is blood vessel damage in the eye that can compromise the retina, which Stone described as the eye's television screen: the retina is what shows the brains the picture of what the eye is seeing.

He explained that when retinopathy happens the blood vessels may leak, hemorrhage, and rupture which can, if bad enough, block portions of the retina creating black dots or blind spots in vision. This damage can not be reversed.

Stone says that after 15 years 98 per cent of type one or insulin dependent diabetics will have some retinopathy even though that may not mean significant vision loss. Approximately 78 per cent of type two or non-insulin dependent diabetics will experience some change in their vision or eye damage but not necessarily retinopathy, says Stone.

The good news, he says, is that a 10-year study of more than 1,000 people with insulin dependent diabetes showed that those who strictly manage their blood glucose levels experienced 76 per cent less eye damage.

It is very important for diabetics to see an optometrist regularly, he says, because their vision can appear fine but they still might have retinopathy. He also assured people that OHIP will pay for supplementary eye exams for diabetics or anyone between the ages of 19 and 65 who otherwise would not qualify for exams except for once every two years. Patients can see an optometrists weekly if they have to and be covered - it is just eyeglass prescriptions that are only covered every two years.

He urged people to never put off seeing an eye doctor.

Stone says the sooner an optometrist can see someone experiencing vision problems

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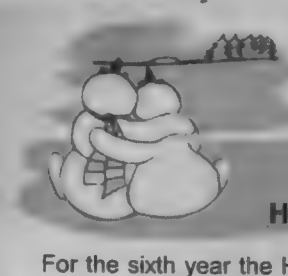
Optometrist David Stone talks about risks diabetics face to the health of their eyes and what they can do to minimize them.



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the better the chance of saving the individual's vision. "Early diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy can reduce the risk of blindness by 90 per cent," he says.

Retinopathy is not reversible but doctors can use laser photocoagulation or pan-retinal photocoagulation to stop any further damage. These treatments use lasers to cauterize leaking or damaged blood vessels. Stone says there is a sacrifice of some vision as a result but it can also prevent any further damage.

Cataracts, however, are different and are treatable. Stone says everyone will get cataracts at some point in their life, usually between the ages of 60 and 80, but diabetics tend to develop them far younger such as in their 30s. Cataracts are when the eye's inner lens becomes cloudy, creating a milky look in the eye.

Cataracts are treated by an eye surgeon who removes the cloudy lens, which also dims vision and colours, and replaces it with a plastic lens. Stone says cataract surgery is the most routinely successful surgery performed in North America. A positive side effect is the surgery can also sometimes improve vision.

On the preventive side, Stone recommends diabetics keep tight control of their blood sugar levels, follow their diet and exercise regularly. He advised that research is suggesting lutein, found in spinach and other green vegetables, can slow down macular degeneration as well.

During the question and answer peoriod he was asked about floaters,which he described as shadows of harmless clumps of the jelly that naturally fills the eye. The majority of floaters will dissipate on their own. He advised that if a floater is not moving or if you have a black spot in your vision to get it checked out.

He was also asked about eye drops. He says the over-the-counter fake tear products are safe but warned people against repetitive use of Visine which is a drug that constricts the blood vessels in the eye. He also warned people to be careful about using anti-allergy drops and to strictly follow doctor's orders regarding drops.

Norman Gemmel receives an award from Dorothy and George Heath on behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association for his success in using insulin for 32 years.

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Changing county, changing work

Lois Warburton experienced evolution, revolution in 30 years at County

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

When Lois Warburton arrived for work at the county office in January 1974, she was one of only two full-time administrative staff.

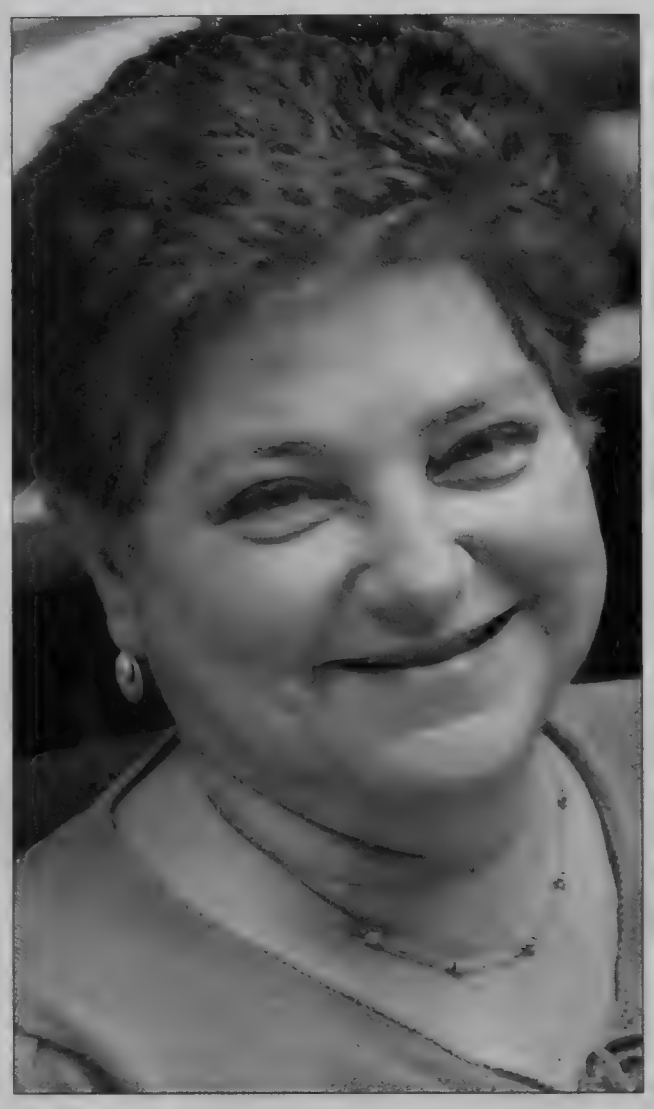
Her job was to help clerk-treasurer Wyn Newbery, who was also the county's lands division secretary, with some of the office duties. Warburton used a manual typewriter to individually type all the "notices to hereby close, stop-up and convey" and "applications for consent in accordance with Section 53 of the Planning Act" bylaws that the county had to pass every time someone wanted to buy their shoreline allowance or sever their property into lots.

Thirty years later Warburton will be leaving a totally different county office when she retires in January 2004. Today, the roads department, which used to occupy the second floor of the county office, is in its own addition. The old county council chambers are now occupied by social services - a department that didn't exist until the 1990s - and council meets in a refurbished space upstairs.

The administrative staff now includes a CAO, treasurer, payroll/deputy-clerk and office receptionist. Warburton retires as land division secretary but her replacement will be called the county's development services officer to reflect new responsibilities in ensuring the county's first official plan is adhered to. Until Jane Tousaw arrives in January, however, Warburton has agreed to stay on to prevent a backlog of severance applications.

While there have been many changes to her work environment – including, blessedly, the arrival of a computer which makes dealing with all paperwork so much easier – the changes Warburton has noticed go much deeper than that.

On one level, you'd think her workload would have decreased. Not only does she no longer have to type out each letter individually but there are far fewer lots being severed. In the boom years of the '80s, she'd have to process up to 800 severance applications a year. Last year there were only 110.



Lois Warburton will reture in January

"There's not much land left in the county," she says. Much of the vacant land has already been developed, with the Kennisis Lake west shore development being the last major project in the county.

This year the applications doubled as landowners sought to sever their lots under the old frontage requirements. (The county's first official plan, which is to be implemented early next year, demands larger lots.) It's made the last few weeks very busy for Warburton but she expects the numbers will drop off again next year.

The Sewell Commission in the early '90s also changed her job a lot. ("That was the year I didn't think I'd make it," she says.)

After the former Toronto mayor's report was accepted by the provincial government, when a property owner made an application to change property lines in any way, a list of agencies and neighbours have to be notified. Sometimes the notices caused confusion with the neighbours who'd phone with questions. A few stages were added to the application process, with a different type of notice for each stage. Some of the new rules – like a requirement for communal septic systems – simply didn't work in the Highlands. Paperwork increased and there were more demands on her time as she dealt with the public and lawyers more.

With retirement soon approaching, Warburton is looking forward to having more time on her hands. With five grandsons living in the county she knows she'll still be busy – "every weekend is booked" – but it will be nice to have more flexibility with her time.

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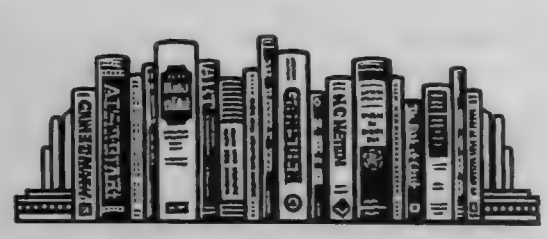
County Librarian Joel Levis expressed his appreciation for the grant and stated that "This will make a tremendous difference to our collection in select areas. With careful selection and careful use of discounts available to libraries, we should be able to purchase nearly $20,000 in real terms and help us to bring us closer to achieving our acquisition goals".

The grant criteria provide that the monies must be spent on fiction, non-fiction and picture books that will encourage younger members of the community to become active readers and potential library users.

"While we have already completed much of the selection process, we would welcome input from individuals and groups within the with suggestions on specific titles that could assist them in achieving their goals as well as helping us to fulfill our grant requirements," Levis says. "We would like to complete the first selection stage by the end of December and ask that any interest be directed towards the County Library Administrative Centre as soon as possible".

Once the monies have been received, the purchasing stage will commence. It is planned to have the project completed within the next 12 months. The books will be available in the eight branches located in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Haliburton, Highland Grove, Minden, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

Levis reminds the community that the library always welcomes purchase suggestions from library users and all other members of society that are not connected with this grant.



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Trio earns praise for 25 years of sharing music

by JACK BREZINA
Special to The Times

It was 25 years ago this Advent Sunday that Our Lady of Fatima Church first echoed with the sounds of the glorious music of Toos Reid, Rose Barry and Lawrence Van Lieshout. Actually, it was Toos who sang that first Sunday in Advent a quarter of a century ago, when Father Gary Lay asked her to play during the service. Toos, a singer and guitar player, added an extra dimension to the service that Sunday morning. The following Sunday she was joined by Lawrence Van Lieshout, an accomplished accordionist, and a short time later they were joined by Rose Barry who also sings and plays guitar.

Members of the trio have been a part of the Sunday services at Our Lady of Fatima ever since, lending their voices and musical talents to the Glory of God. They also have provided their musical messages of healing and celebration at numerous funerals and wedding ceremonies in the past quarter century. The three are occasionally joined by Julie Gray and Juliana Van Lieshout.

As accomplished as these performers are, it is interesting to note that none of them can read music. They learned their music by ear, listening to other performances or simply plucking out the tune one note at a time until they have captured the entire song. In the early years they gleaned their music from photocopies of hymnals and music gathered from a variety of sources.

Their dedication and love of music has added greatly to the services and has been the inspiration for bequests for new hymn books for the church.

They do not forget those who are unable to attend church, visiting with shut-ins and the elderly in their homes, bringing their musical ministry of hope and good cheer to those who wouldn't otherwise hear them.

From time to time, the trio was joined by four musicians from St Paul's Anglican Church – Barb Fawcett, Barb Trocewicz, Diane Drone and Gaye Coneybeare. Initially the group was formed in the early 1980's to raise money for the construction and renovation of the two church halls. This group, known as "In Harmony", played at each of the churches and continues to play at senior citizen residents in the area. "In Harmony" also recorded a tape with the assistance of the Partland Brothers and were featured performers at Cullen Gardens, north of Oshawa.

The three musicians from Our Lady of Fatima have been eager volunteers. Any contributions received for their appearances at special services are donated to a missions fund or used for drilling wells in third world countries. Over the years these three musicians have filled the church with music that brought joy and praise to our services. So as the Advent season passes this year, we mark their quarter century in the service of the church and the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima.

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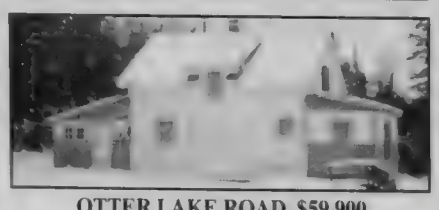

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School board ends travel moratorium

The following are brief reports from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board about its recent meeting.

International Travel

Director of Education David Hill presented revised procedures for field trips and excursions within and outside of Trillium Lakelands geographical area. Trustees voted to lift the moratorium on international travel that has been in existence since April 2003. They also accepted the revised administrative procedures for travel.

2002/2003 Financial Statements, Auditors' Report

The board approved the 2002/2003 Financial Statements as presented by Superintendent of Business Jim Bradley. The audited statements were prepared by BDO Dunwoody LLP, Chartered Accountants. In accordance with the Education Act, Trillium Lakelands will make these statements available on the school board website in early December. Watch for advertisements in local community newspapers giving the exact date of upload to the web.

Nutritional Committee Report

Trustee Bob Orr reported that in meeting with the Nutritional Committee, discussion included a decision to follow up on a survey by two Muskoka dieticians. Recommendations were made concerning health and physical education programs in the school, fitness assessment tools, use of vending machines, fundraising luncheons, breakfast and snack programs, and funding for these programs. Orr noted that Trillium Lakelands is one of only a few school boards putting money into the start up and continuation of breakfast programs. The next Nutrition Committee meeting will take place on January 28th at 10 a.m. at the Haliburton Board Office.

Year End chairman's report

Rick Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Trillium Lakelands DSB, summarized the accomplishments of the board for the year. He emphasized opportunities made available by the program enhancement funding and made particular note of instrumental music in elementary schools. Trillium Lakelands has gone from four schools to nineteen schools now offering instrumental music.

Johnson also congratulated the board for their decision to return late buses to secondary schools. Great progress has been made in raising the importance of co-op and tech programs within schools, he said. Thisis of primary importance for future planning because half of all students enter the work force directly after completing their secondary school education.

"We are not managers of the school system, we are trustees of the system," Johnson said. " School board policies and classroom practices account for most of the difference in student learning."

Johnson concluded his year end report by thanking Trustee Bonnie Kennedy for her more than 15 years working with Trillium Lakelands DSB.

Special Education Advisory Committee Procedure

A new Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be soon established. Detailed SEAC operational procedures have been developed and were presented to the board to be received for information.

Power and Water Outages

A procedure was presented by Superintendent Dale Robinson for cases when principals need to deal with emergencies relating to power and water outages. Emphasis is placed on the safety and well-being of students including keeping them warm and dry.

Trillium Lakelands gets 100%

Director Hill expressed his gratitude to the Special Education Team who received 100% in a recent audit at the School Board.

Kay Morrison is retiring.

Thank you, Kay, for the last twenty years of your dedicated service to our clients. Shawn Hagerman, Curtis Eastmure and the staff, would like to invite friends and clients to an Open House on Friday, December 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to wish Kay well in her retirement. Please join us for refreshments.

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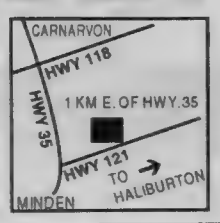

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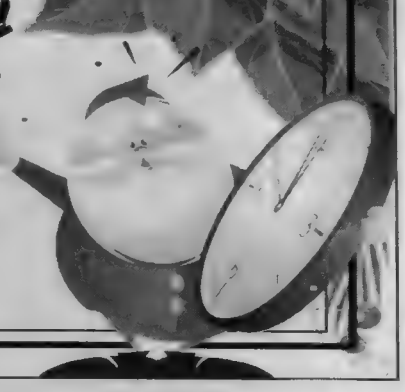

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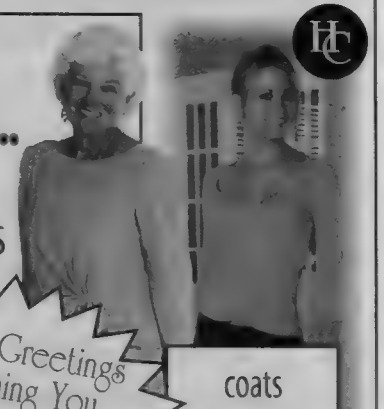

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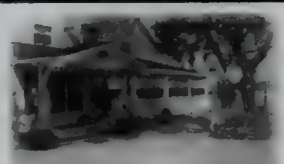

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In most cases, personnel who work on Christmas Day have time off for New Years.

Bob English, Manager of Emergency Medical Services, said the paramedics' schedule for the year is formulated in February each year. If someone wants to book time off for Christmas, he makes the request early or takes his chances.

"We have provisions for late holiday requests," English said. "If somebody wants to take time off [with short notice] we try to substitute with part-timers if we can. But if nobody is available, they have to work their regular shift."

Haliburton Highlands EMS has a list of part-time personnel from which to draw. They are paramedics who either work full-time or part-time at other ambulance bases.

Richard Balas of West Guilford is one of the six paramedics who will be on duty Christmas Day. He will be working from the Haliburton base.

Balas said he and his wife Cynthia will be spending time with his mother, as well as his brother and his family in Barrie before Christmas Day.

Richard and Cynthia have been together for 14 years. They have no children.

Cynthia's family is down east so it is not practical to visit over the holidays.

"We'll make the best of it," he said.

Sergeant Harry Baranik is one of the many OPP officers who will be working on Christmas Day. It is one of the seven days in a row that officers will work over the Christmas and New Years season. Instead of the usual 12-hour shifts (6 to 6), officers will work eight hours a day for seven days straight and then have seven days off.

"It gives everybody a chance to be with their family some time during the holidays," Baranik said. He will celebrate Christmas with his family, including his three children, after he finishes his shift at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day.

All of the officers at the Haliburton Highlands detachment have agreed not to take extra time off during the Christmas season.

Baranik, who has been with the Haliburton Highlands detachment for almost a year, said, "It is about as fair as you can get."

Stephanie Kuno is a registered nurse who works in the emergency department of the Haliburton Hospital. She is working the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift on Christmas Day.

"I'll have Christmas with my family [husband Hugh Nichol and their two sons aged 10 and 12] when I get home Christmas morning," she said.

At the hospital, Kuno says, it's business as usual over the holidays. The emergency department will have two RNs, one RPN and one extra person scheduled to work. She said the extra person is scheduled because it could be difficult to find someone on short notice if the need arose. One RN and two RPNs are scheduled to work on the ward.

On the plus side for those who work at the hospital on Christmas Day, the hospital provides turkey dinners for staff as well as patients.

Kuno can look forward to two Christmas dinners. Her family will be dining on Christmas fare prepared by her mother-in-law.

Darren Lum/TIMES

The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association Inc. is on its way to join the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Donors of Distinction wall in the Builders cateogory (donations of $2,500) after its president Art Ward donated a $500 cheque to foundation executive director Dale Walker. The association has raised $2,100 over a five year period through the annual corn roast and member donation.

Well earned promotions for Army Cadets

by 2 Lt C. McKenzie

Fourteen members of Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp #1129 were called from the ranks on Tuesday Nov. 25th by their Commanding Officer Capt. Dan Collings to receive well earned promotions. Promotion in the Canadian Cadet Movement is based on training level achieved and merit.

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The Army Cadet training program is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 19 years. Haliburton Cadets train each Tuesday evening between 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Youth interested in joining are always welcome to drop in for a visit. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 is the major sponsor of Army Cadet Corp #1129.

FILING OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT
HIGHWAYS 35 & 118

D.M. Wills Associates was retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to complete a detail design project for improvements to Highway 35 from Haliburton County Road 121 (North Junction) northerly to Highway 118 and to Highway 118 from the Village of Haliburton westerly 3.0 km in the Townships of Minden Hills and Dysart et. al. and the County of Haliburton.

The study has followed the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* for a category "B" project. This TESR is available for a 30-day public review at the following locations:

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Un grand spectacle

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The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion hosted La Journee de Theatre (The day at the theatre) on Thursday, Dec. 4. There were a series of French performances staged by local French classes from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior French students taught by Wayne Cooper. Included among the performances was a group of Grade 9 French immersion students from LCVI secondary. There were two performances, one in the afternoon for students and one in the evening for parents and friends.

The Prince's three sisters: third sister, Sara Stephenson, first sister, Lauren Devolin, and second sister played by Jenny Henwood watch over the fallen Romarine in the play called Romarine.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 03-128
APPLICANT – James Howe
RZ—03-06

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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately .65 hectares (1.62 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lots 5 and 6, Concession 8, from Residential Limited Services (RLS) Zone to Rural Exception *42 (RU*42) Zone and Residential Limited Services Exception *43 (RLS*43) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit lot with less than the required highway frontage as well as to allow existing accessory buildings to continue for storage purposes only but not for habitation; and allow the continued use of an existing dwelling together with a small cottage and accessory uses on the same lot.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' satellite office, the former Lutterworth Municipal office, during regular office hours.

(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator
December 15, 2003

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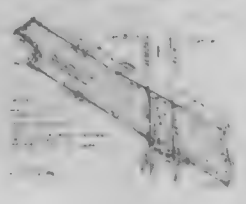

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APPLICANT – Kent Rubnke
RZ—03-07

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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 2.44 hectares (6.03 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lot 25, Concession 8, from Tourist Commercial (C-4) Zone to Residential Limited Services (RLS) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit the property to be used for Residnetial Limited Services (RLS) purposes

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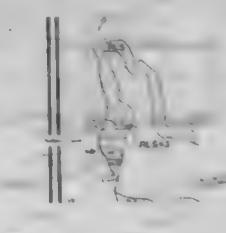

Local food and toy drive make holidays special

AROUNDTHETOWN

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The dining room table should be declared a disaster area with its pile of presents still waiting to be wrapped. At least the out-of-town parcels have been delivered to the Post Office in a fairly respectable time frame. You would think that a roll of brown paper could be expected to last longer. Cutting up shopping bags certainly slows down the process.

In the early years when trying to impress Bruce's family their gifts were wrapped with such great care there was a reluctance to open them. Foil paper, evergreen sprigs, ribbon and touches of artificial snow frequently created more enthusiasm than the actual item inside. Now gift bags and coloured tissue suffice as late Christmas Eve will likely still find me at the table hoping to finally say " that's a wrap ".

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group have sent out a very informative brochure with regard to its organization and publications. What a great project for the coming year to get started on or update your family history. Their address is Box 834, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

St. Luke's Anglican Church of Burnt River has had a very busy year of Centennial activities. The congregation is to be congratulated for their dedicated efforts. On Christmas morning there will be the Christmas Eucharist Service at the Church at 9:30 a.m.

This week we made an emergency delivery of "bravery bears" to the Emergency Department at the Minden Hospital. There were only two on hand with the prospect of a busy weekend ahead. The number of positive comments from friends, neighbours and those who call in the scores for this column about the quality of care and caring is most impressive. Our community is indeed most fortunate.

Speaking of community in each of our towns there will be locations to receive toys and food items for needy families this holiday season. In Kinmount there is the Lions " Angel Tree " at the Post Office and food collection boxes at several stores. Do look in your area and share in this important effort.

Once again here is the schedule for the Minden Library over Christmas. The Library will be open on December 23rd, 27th, 30th and January 2nd. It will remain closed on December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and January 1st.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Thursday, December 4 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Most lone hand holders for ladies/men were May Bradbury and Bob Pollard. Gala Stamp and Ann Baker recorded the highs and Carol Hill along with Pearl Cowen took the evening's lows. Other prizes were won by Ann Baker, Maxine Cross, Marie Dennie, Bob Pollard and Bev Johnson.

Friday, December 5 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The solo moonshot went to Barb Robitaille with Clara Miscio uncovering the hidden score. Winning was a Scadden family affair with Jean leading the pinks at 311 and Pat topping the charts for the white cards at 244. Mary Pearson was second for the pinks at 259 and Pearl Cowen 237 third while Barb Robitaille 232 took second spot for the white cards and Stan Dutka 218 third.

Friday, December 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system of play the top three pairs were Reet Murray and Bill Sandford 64%, Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher 63% and Stella McMillan partnered with Ross Davies 54%.

Saturday, December 6 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: June Branning reports that Rob Evans was first at 314 followed by Elva Paisley 302 and Isobel Cherwenka 276. Single moonshots landed on Barb Robitaille, Marcel Roussel and Pat Bailey while Isobel Cherwenka took two. The draw winners were Marcel Roussel, Milton Fletcher and Barb Robitaille.

Monday, December 8 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first was Verna McDonald with Heather Cunningham second and Joe Rivers third. The other

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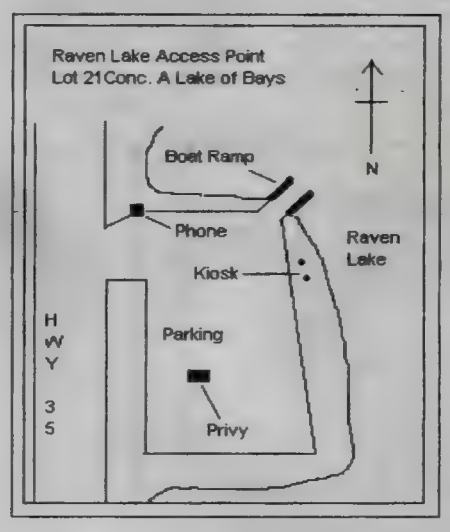

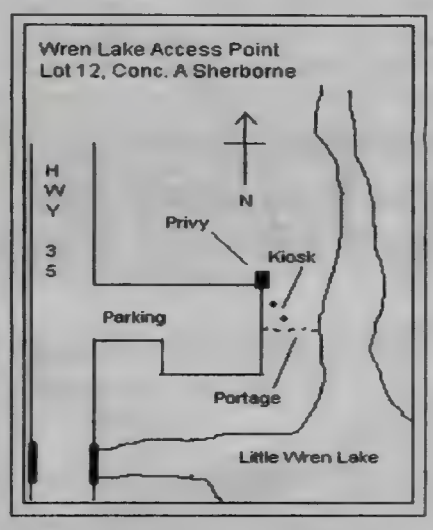

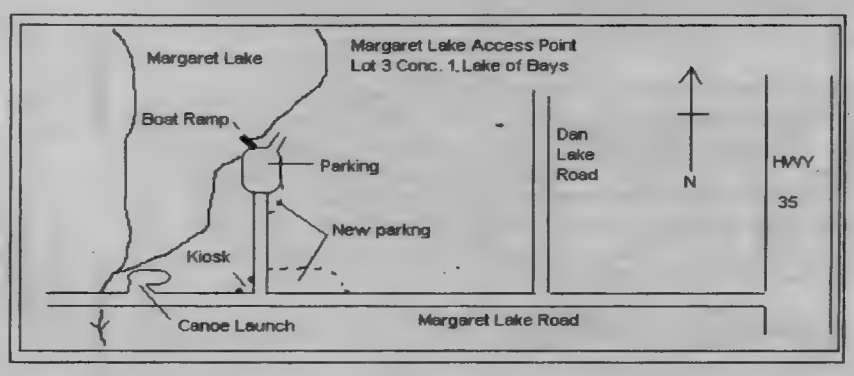

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) is proposing to construct the following on Crown lands: 1) Vault privy at the Raven Lake Access Point in the Township of Lake of Bays; 2) Vault privy at Wren Lake Access Point in the Township of Algonquin Highlands; 3) Parking area expansion 90 ft. x 45 ft., 40 ft. x 15 ft., at Margaret Lake Access Point in the Township of Lake of Bays; and 4)Sign Kiosks at each of the above locations.

The purpose of the privies is to provide proper toilet facilities in the disposal of human waste for these public access sites. The privies will be 1000 gallon sealed concrete tanks with wooden building structures mounted on top, meeting the regulations of Ministry of Environment for Class I sewage disposal systems. The parking area is intended to alleviate current congestion. Sign kiosks will provide area information and maps, directing users in the appropriate use of local Crown lands. Please direct any comments, within 30 days, to:

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c/o Township of Algonquin Highlands
R.R.#2 North Shore Road
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Winning is a Scadden family deal

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prizes were won by Elva Paisley and Heather Cunningham.

Monday, December 8 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: In the lone hands column it was Colleen Davison with Mary Pearson high lady and Clara Miscio low. Alf Whyman led the gents with Verna Sawyer recording the men's low and Tom Pearson taking home the baloney.

Monday, December 8 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Georgina Deeks took the prize for high hands, June Branning for lone hands and Loyas Henderson for low hands. Keeping the good luck in the family. Elda Henderson won the special prize again.

Monday, December 8 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Lone hand honours ladies/men went to Joyce Ritchie and Gwen Cox while Fern Donnelly and Don Hicks recorded the afternoon's high scores. Bill Mosley was joined by Mabel Deacon in the low score column and both were paid a visit by the black/white furry critter. Bill, however, did redeem himself by winning a draw prize along with Jeanne Keliele. Katie Parker reminds everyone that there will not be euchre at the Friendship Club on December 22nd and 29th.

Monday, December 8 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The high score holder was Elli Langpohl who also won the special draw. Moonshots were recorded by Marg Viney and Phyllis Windsor.

Tuesday, December 9 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: With a score of 301 Ida Young secured first place followed by Margaret Fletcher 281 and Marcel Roussel 251. The two moonshots went to Ida Young and Margaret Fletcher while Isobel Cherwenka, Kevin Maloney and Verna McDonald uncovered the hidden scores.

Tuesday, December 9 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies it was Lorna Hicks recording the high score and Mary Wilkins the low while Ted Wilkins was high man and Hazel Benetin was low.

Theresa Deak held the most lone hands and Mary Wilkins won the special prize. Warm good wishes go out to Audrey Vick from her many friends at Gelert.

Tuesday, December 9 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two small Slams both with Diane Boll partnered first with Dorothy Thayer and next with Len McNeice. Stella McMillan led the scoring with 5150 points followed by Len McNeice 4950, Harold Cox 4810 and Muriel McIntosh 4780. Lucky draw winner June Branning congratulated Stella McMillan on her " S.B.S. " Award which stands for " Stella By Starlight ".

Tuesday, December 9 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Making up the top team were Laura Carnegie and Grace Berardi with 490 points with Syd Lockhart and Helen Skelding next at 483 and Moe Briscoe partnered with Colleen Davison third at 354. The afternoon's low score of 114 went to the duo of Cliff Davison and Lill Allen. Birthday wishes went to Helen Skelding from her many friends at the Club.

Wednesday, December 10 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Margo Davidson and Doug McIntosh took first place at 63% with Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher second at 56% and Stella McMillan partnered with Ross Davies third at 54%.

Wednesday, Dececember 10 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots showered down on Sandy Poulton, Margaret Bull, Jim Fink, Marcel Roussel, Betty D'Ambrosio, Jean Scadden, Bill Milford, and Marion Farr while Pat Roussel and Jerry Schad both took two. Sharon Evans led the pinks with 306 followed by Gala Stamp 296 and Margaret Bull 282. There was a tie for top spot for the white cards at 296 between Alf Whyman and Tom Pearson with Chris Clarke 291 second and Kevin Maloney 270 third. A lovely Christmas dinner was enjoyed by everyone with compliments to the chefs Sharon and Rob Evans.

Wednesday, December 10 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Theresa Deak recorded the high score and Emily Harvie the low while it was Gary Anderson leading the gents with Gerald Silver low man. Ted Wilkins held the most lone hands and Theresa Deak won the special draw.

Writers enjoy networking

by MARJORIE GREEN

The room was elegant, the speaker eloquent, and the 30 people in attendance were each a pleasure to meet - even at 9:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Area writers who failed to attend the November meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN), at the Delta Pinestone Inn, missed an opportunity to spend time with some of this county's most interesting people. And no one could accuse popular speaker, Jack Brezina, of being anything less than crowd-pleasing.

Known for his self-deprecating sense of humor, Jack told of his early start as a newspaper columnist while in grade nine, his years as a factory worker and disk jockey (in the '60s), his return to school, at UWO, to study journalism, and his subsequent career at Cochrane's Northland Post. "I grew to like community newspapers," says the man who until recently owned and edited The Minden Times.

Having returned to radio, with the inauguration of Canoe FM, Brezina currently hosts his own 1-hour program on the Arts every Sunday afternoon. He continues to be an active participant in creating and promoting Haliburton County's new Council for the Arts.

Jack had much industry advice to share with the writers in the room, including ways in which HHWEN could further assist its members. As a token of thanks, he was presented with the organization's first Honorary Membership.

To date, all three of the group's networking meetings have been highly enjoyable, with attendance continuing to climb as a growing number of writers decide to check out the possibility of picking up useful information from other local scribes. If nothing else, it beats struggling alone with words in some remote cabin in the woods.

HHWEN's next meeting at Delta Pinestone, is a buffet luncheon on Thursday, January 15, from 1:00 to 3:00, when the speaker will be Juno-nominated songwriter, poet and magical weaver of words, Kenissis Lake's own Lea Harper. In addition to talking about her writing career to date, Lea will read from her latest book of poems. Anyone interested in meeting our community's writers and editors is welcome, but advance reservations are essential for all who wish to attend. To reserve your space, call Marjorie Ludlow Green at 286-2592 by January 12.

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APPLICANT – 543577 ONTARIO INC.
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RZ-03-04

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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on land, located in the geographic Township of Anson, at Part of Lot 1, Concession A, from Highway Commercial (C-3) Zone to Highway Commercial Exception **44 (C-*44)** Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit the assembly of gazabos from materials typically found at any lumber store and fabric store, as well as retail sales and to continue the existing uses.

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

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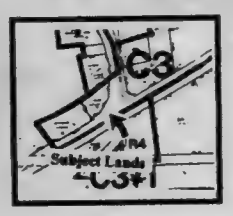
Key Map



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THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 3.24 hectares (8 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Snowdon, at Part of Lot 19, Concession 13, from General Commercial (C) Zone to General Commercial Exception *1 (C*1) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit recycling and processing of municipal waste, and storage.

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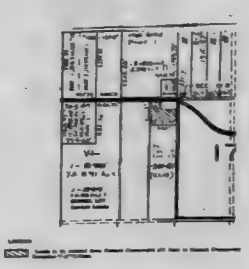

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Martin brothers dedicate new plaque to honour WWI veterans

Gord and Ken Martin, war veterans themselves took it upon themselves to pay for this new plaque at St. Stephen's church.

On November 11, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., the new World War I Commemorative Plaque was dedicated at Saint Stephen's Church, Buckslide Road, Halls Lake.

This commemorative plaque was a replacement of the original plaque, which was dedicated in 1920 to honour those local men who sacrificed their lives in World War I. Over 80 years later, the plaque was deteriorating badly. Thanks to the generosity of Gord and Ken Martin, a new plaque is now mounted at the historical stone gatepost outside St. Stephen's Church.

These two gentlemen, war veterans themselves, took it upon themselves to pay for a new plaque, so those honoured could continue to be respectfully remembered.

The Friends of St. Stephen's are very appreciative of these men. As a token of their thanks, a framed print of St. Stephen's Church, signed by the artist Dzindra Schlotter, was presented to them at this time.

These prints are available for sale at a cost of $100, with all proceeds going to the continuing restoration of this historical building. The prints can be purchased from any of the Friends of St. Stephen's board members, or at the TravelPlus office located on Highland Street, Haliburton.

Thanks to Padre Tim Sharp and Minden Legion President Georgina Parkes for participating in this Remembrance Day dedication, despite bitter wind and heavy rain. Friends of St. Stephen's board members are: Ray Oliver, Wanda Mole, Judith Fisher, Elinor Hamilton and Linda Coneybeare.

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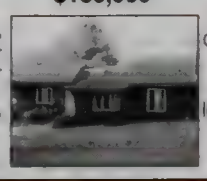

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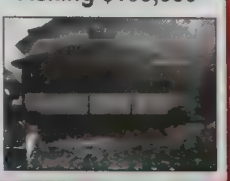

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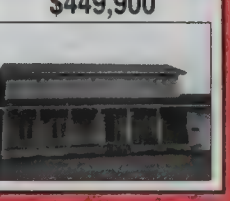

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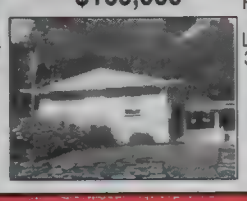

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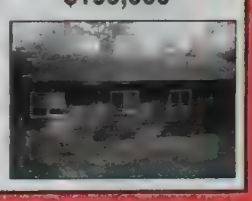

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands held a Volunteer Thank You Luncheon on Sunday November 30 and it was very well attended. All had a nice time visiting with the Reeve, members of council and each other. The event was followed by the Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Sing A Long which was also well attended. Millie McEachern was the official Community Tree Lighter this year. Don't the Christmas decorations around the village and the tree up on the tower look wonderful? It is good to see the Christmas Spirit alive and well in our village.

The people of Dorset did it again! On Food Drive night, the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department and Dorset Lions Club collected 100 lbs. more than last year - They got 2,160 lbs. The buggy is still at Robinson's for a short while so if you missed the food drive, you still have a chance to "add to the weight".

The Annual Dorset Lions Club Childrens Christmas Party was well attended and all had a great time singing, visiting with Santa and enjoying the magic show. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at this great annual event.

"Santa Claus II" will be playing at the next Dorset Kid's Movie Night at the Dorset Rec Centre on Friday, December 19 at 7pm. Lots of prizes! Free popcorn! Free admission (donations appreciated)! Wear a Santa hat for a chance to win a prize. For more info, call 766-9968.

"News from the Pews": Knox United Church will hold a Christmas Eve Service at the church at 4pm and all are welcome to come. White Gift Sunday was December 14 and knitted items are donated to Frontiers Foundations through Charles Catto. He distributes any and all items to the native communities that are in need. On Christmas Sunday, December 21, a special Christmas service will be held at 9am. Blessings of the season from Knox United Church and a Merry Christmas to all. St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at the church at 9pm: The story of Jesus' birth, Christmas Music and Holy Communion and all are welcome.

Paul and Nancy Morley are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 27. All are welcome to attend an open house (best wishes only) at Zachary's Restaurant between 2 and 5pm to help Paul and Nancy celebrate. For more information, call Vicki Morley at 905-830-3452.

The Dorset Heritage Museum 2004 Calendar makes a great stocking stuffer and are available at the Township Office (Dorset), Robinson's General Store, the Dorset post office, Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Mountain Trout House Marina and Old Mill Marine. Also available from the Museum are Gary Long's books, "The Gilmour Tramway" and "When Giants Fall". For more information call Norm at 766-2814.

Birthday wishes for December 14 to 20 go out to Cameron Nash, Thomas Kenneth William Keown, Jessica Reilly, Olga Cunningham, Marian Frieday, Jeaninne Dune, Barb Jordan and Betty Learmonth and Happy Anniversary to Bill and June Johnson, . Have a wonderful day!

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YEAR 2002 REPORT

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SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE) SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR DISPOSAL
$ 72.66 per tonne
Explanation: The net cost per tonne for waste disposal (not including revenues).
Objective: Efficient disposal services.

OPERATING COSTS FOR DIVERSION
$ 140.30 per tonne
Explanation: The operating costs for solid waste diversion (recycling) per tonne.
Objective: To develop efficient waste programs to divert garbage from landfills.

FACILITY COMPLIANCE
Total number of days per year when a Ministry of Environment compliance order was in effect.
Year 2002 – 0 days
Explanation: The number of days per year when a Ministry of Environment compliance order for remediation concerning an air or groundwater standard was in effect for a solid waste management facility.
Objective: To ensure that municipal solid waste services do not have an adverse affect on the environment.

NUMBER OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITES
6 sites
Explanation: The total number of solid waste management sites owned by the municipality.
Objective: Effective management of solid waste.

COMPLAINTS FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION
0.00000 complaints per 1,000 households
Explanation: The number of complaints received in a year concerning the collection of solid waste and recycled materials per 1,000 households.
Objective: Effective waste mangement services

DIVERSION OF SOLID WASTE
14.30% of solid waste
Explanation: The percentage of residential solid waste diverted or recycled.
Objective: To develop and encourage municipal waste programs that divert garbage from landfills.

ROAD SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR PAVED ROADS
$ 993.13 per paved lane kilometre
Explanation: Operating costs for paved (hard top) roads per lane kilometre.
Objective: To ensure efficient maintenance of paved roads.

OPERATING COSTS FOR UNPAVED ROADS
$ 1,391.32 per unpaved lane kilometre
Explanation: Operating costs for unpaved (loose top) roads per lane kilometre

OPERATING COSTS FOR WINTER CONTROL
$ 1,009.27 per lane kilometre
Explanation: The operating costs per lane kilometer associated with winter road maintenance (e.g. snowplowing, salting, snow removal).
Objective: Efficient winter road maintenance services

CONDITION OF ROADS
70.16% of lane kilometres
Explanation: The percentage of paved lane kilometres where condition is rated as good to very good.
Objective: To provide a paved lane system that has a pavement condition that meets municipal standards.

WINTER EVENT RESPONSES
Percentage – 100%
Explanation: The percentage of winter road control activities (snowplowing, road salting, etc.) in response to a weather condition (snowfall, sleet, freezing rain, etc.) that met or exceeded municipal standards.
Objective: To provide an appropriate winter storm event response to ensure that any Inconvenience and disruption in transportation caused by the storm is minimized.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
OPERATING COST – ADMINISTRATION
Percentage – 4.27%
Explanation: The cost of local government/ central administration as a percentage of the total municipal operating cost.
Objective: Efficient administration supporting local services.

POLICE SERVICES
POLICE SERVICES COST
$ per household - $ 175.34
Explanation: The operating costs per household for police services. Operating costs include the police force, administration, facilities, communication systems, police boards, prisoner conveyance, equipment and other police protection expenditures.
Objective: Efficient municipal police services.

TOTAL CRIME RATE
59.08 crimes per 1,000 persons
Explanation: The total crime rate per 1,000 persons (Criminal Code, excluding traffic).
Objective: To provide a safe community

FIRE SERVICES
FIRE PROTECTION COSTS
$ per $1,000 of assessment - $0.50
Explanation: The operating costs per thousand dollars of assessment for fire services includes firefighter, fire halls, emergency responses, equipment and administration.
Objective: Efficient municipal fire services.

WATER SERVICES
OPERATING COSTS FOR TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION
$2.00 per megalitre
Explanation: The operating costs for the treatment and distribution of water per megalitre. A megalitre equals 1,000,000 litres.
Objective: Efficient production and distribution of water.

BREAKS IN WATER MAINS
0.0000 breaks in water mains
Explanation: Reflects the number of breaks in water mains per 100 kilometres of water main pipe in the year.
Objective: To improve system reliability and minimize water loss and operational costs.

BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
3 days a year
Explanation: Represents the weighted number of days when a boil water advisory issued by the Medical Officer of Health, applicable to a municipal water supply, was in effect.
Objective: To ensure that municipal water is safe and meets local needs.

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THANK YOU! The family of the late Bessie Burk would like to take this opportunity to thank their relatives and friends for their acts of sympathy and kindness when Mom passed away. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, food, phone calls, and donations. A special thank you to Elva, Yvonne, Toots, Gwen and Arnold for their delicious dinners they served us after the visitation, the Ladies of Minden United Church for the wonderful luncheon, the Staff of Hyland Crest for their warmth and caring to Mom during her 6 years there, to Gord for his comforting message, Kirsten and Barry for their thoughtfulness and help, and to the grandchildren for their touching eulogies. Thanks again from **Bessie's family.**

We would like to thank our family for sharing our 50th anniversary, a special thanks to Heather Lodge. As usual, our children did not listen, and proceeded with honoring us with a dinner and get together with our families and friends. The gifts, cards and phone calls were a wonderful surprise. We must add that now as we look back, we don't know how we missed all of the little hints that something was going on. After 50 years, everything is hindsite and it was a wonderful thing. Once again, thank you to our wonderful children, as always you are there for us.
Ron & Eleanor Arbuthnot

460 OBITUARIES

BIRD, DIANNE: Who peacefully slipped away in the early morning of Thursday, December 11 at the Haliburton Hospital surrounded by her devoted family, after a courageous and honourable battle with cancer. Best friend and beloved wife of Bob Bird. Cherished daughter of Margaret Harrison and the late Orval Harrison. Adoring mother of Kellie and Steve Churko of Eagle Lake and Scott and his fianceé Teressa Johnston of Haliburton. Sadly missed and forever remembered by her grandchildren Logan and Rachel. Dear sister of Penny Harrison of West Guilford and Paul and Gwen Harrison of Edmonton. Also lovingly remembered by many, many nieces, nephews and friends. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209 on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2003, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, December 15, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.
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BRAD METCALFE (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario): At his residence on Sunday, December 7, 2003, in his 42nd year. Beloved son of Wilma, Gordon and Lois. Cherished grandson of Mary Love and Alma Booker. Loving brother of Greg (Brenda), Ryan, and Drew. Lovingly remembered by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Also fondly remembered by his niece Nikki and nephews Dylan and Carson. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday morning, December 13, 2003 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Cremation. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Asthma Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family.
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GARDNER, EVELYN MAY (EV), nee Forster: Passed away at Shelburne Residence, Shelburne, on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, in her 76th year; beloved wife of the late Wilfred (Wilf) Gardner (2002); loved mother of Gordon and his wife Shona of Minden; dear grandmother of Joseph Douglas; also sadly missed by her friends and the nurses and staff at Shelburne Residence. Friends called at the Dods and McNair Funeral Home & Chapel, 21 First St., Orangeville, where funeral service was held in the chapel on Friday, December 12, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. The family received friends 1 hour prior to service time. Interment Highland Memory Gardens. As expressions of sympathy, donation to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated. A tree will be planted in memory of Ev in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. A dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.
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LYLE JAMES ANDERSON
Passed away after a short stay at the Ross Memorial Hospital, on Sunday, December 7, 2003.
In his 90th year.
Beloved husband of Gladys (nee Brandon), dear father of Judith and Glen Wright, Ron and Linda Anderson, Boyd and Karen Anderson. Loving grandfather of Melyssa, Jeremy, Drew, John, Penny, Boyd and Paula. Dear brother of the late Roy, Ernie, Russell, Gertie, Ethel and Lawrence. Brother-in-law to Dorothy Anderson, special uncle to Beryl, Fern, Glenn (predeceased), Jean, David, John, Floyd and many other nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to St. James Anglican Church for Funeral Service on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Kinmount Cemetery. Masonic Service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the St. James Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.
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460 OBITUARIES

NORMA J. BURK
Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital, on Saturday, December 6, 2003.
In her 62nd year.
Beloved wife of Neil, dear mother of Andrea and her husband Lee Donaldson, Andrew and his wife Tracy, Abby and her fiancé Chad Cadieux. Loving grandmother of Aaron, Andi, Jaxon and Maddox. Dear sister of Patricia Raymond and sister-in-law of Betty and her husband Gerald Hicks and fondly remembered by her nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Monday, December 8, 2003, for a Memorial Visitation from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. A Private Family Service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Christmas Gift Basket Campaign for either the 4C's or the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.
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POULSEN, GERDA (Resident of Harcourt, Ontario): At her residence of Monday morning, December 8, 2003, in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Erland Poulsen for 61 years. Loving mother of Annette Holt and her husband John of Highland Grove and Mitzie Williams and her husband Harvey of Newmarket. Dear grandmother of Evan, Fay and Bo. Funeral arrangements are private. Donations may be made to the Quinte Healthcare Corporation North Hastings (Bancroft Hospital) in her memory. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.
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WILKINSON, GLADYS (Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario): At Woodstock General Hospital on December 9, 2003, in her 65th year. Beloved companion of Robert Sandrellie. Loving mother of Lisa Beaulieu of Woodstock, Dennis (Joanette) of Toronto, David of Toronto and George of Woodstock. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Chantalle, Joey, Devon and Tyrell. Dear sister of Wayne, Bobby, David, Keith, Kenny, Gail and Sandra. Predeceased by her brother Doug and sisters Doris and Alice. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday afternoon, December 12, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, December 13, 2003 at 2 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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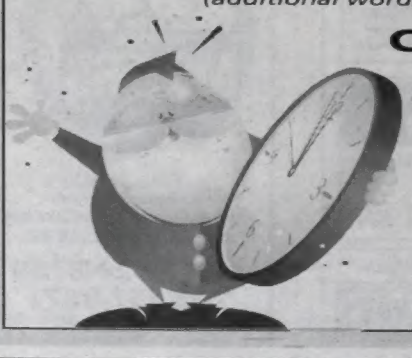

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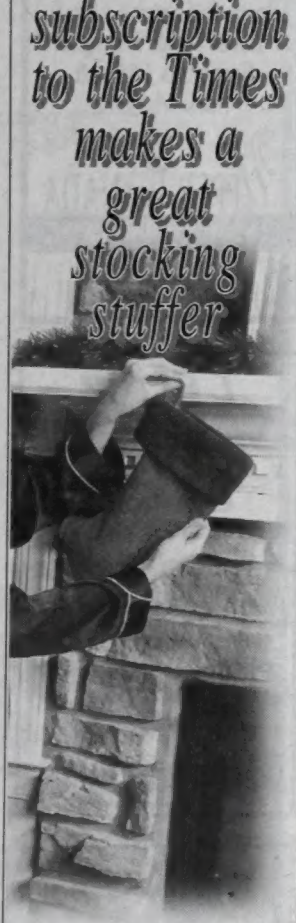
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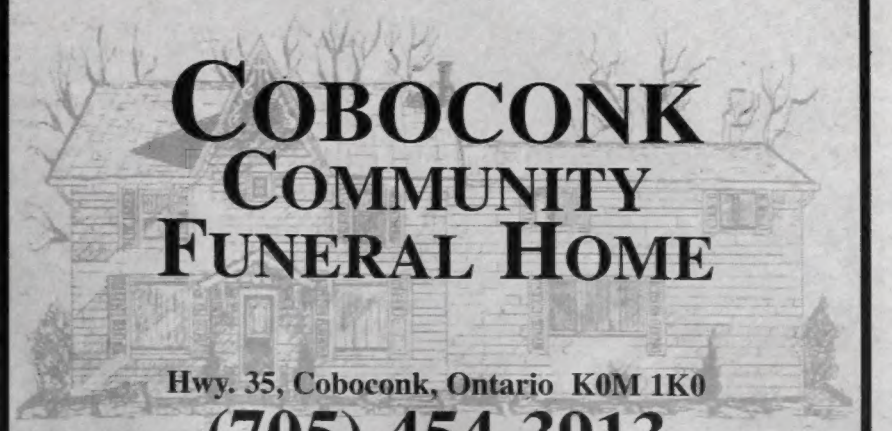

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• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.

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• **HEARING CLINIC:** There will not be a clinic in December at Dorset Rec Centre.

• **December 16:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton 1pm to 2:30pm at the Alzheimer Office. Tips for enjoyable holiday season. Janet Bottum 457-8335.

• **December 17:** Christmas Open House. Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area welcomes you to our Open House. 2pm to 4pm. Come - meet the Board & Staff members. Enjoy coffee, tea, treats. New additions in the library.

• **December 18**: Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Minden 1pm to 2:30pm at the Hyland Crest. Tips for an enjoyable holiday season. Call Janet Bottum 457-8335.

• **December 18:** Community Kitchen- Christmas Cookies at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please call 766-9968 by December 10th.

• **December 19**: Kid's Movie Night "Santa Clause 2" -7-9pm. Dorset Rec Centre.

• **December 21:** (Advent IV-Love) Lessons and Carols. Service at 10am presented by the Maple Lake United Church Choir.

• **December 24:** 7pm-Family Service at the Minden United Church. 9pm-Communion Service at Maple Lake United Church.

• **December 24:** Dorset Rec Centre will close at noon today & re-open on Jan. 2.

• **December 28:** Joint service at Zion United Church -9am.

• **December 31:** Dunsford Lions Club -New Years Eve Fundraising Dance. 8 pm.

• **January 4:** 11am-Joint Service at Minden United Church.

• **January 8:** L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Fellowship Together) 7:30-9:30pm West Guilford Rec Centre. Speaker: Elizabeth Hutchinson, Carnarvon. Music: Terry Upton, Eagle Lake. Special Feature: Franka Andriano of "Franka's Delectable Catering Service" Call Lyn 457-3155 or Alice 754-2808.

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